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147.165+ t107.2

Echolink: 584003

443.900+ t107.2

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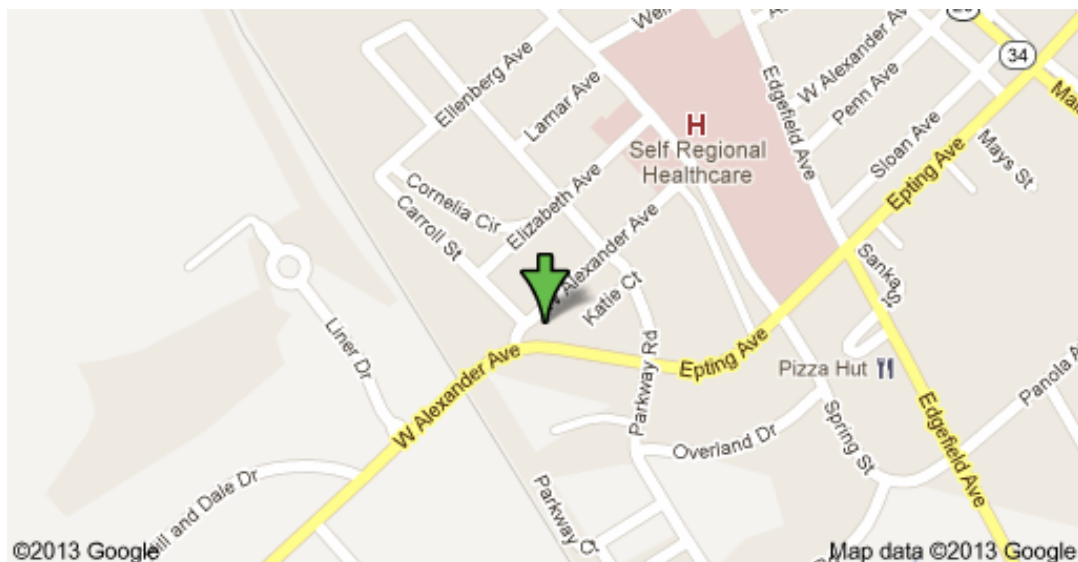
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145.420- DV

## May Meeting

This month's meeting will be Monday, May 18th. The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society now meets at the American Red Cross building, 520 Epting Ave. Greenwood, SC. Please join us at 7 for light refreshments. The meeting starts at 7:30 sharp.



## Digital Update

D-Star is up, and regularly connected to Reflector 30C.

Echolink is up.

WJ4X-7 Packet Node is up and connected to the Carolinas Packet System.

APRS iGate is up.

APRS Downtown Digi coming soon.



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# Society Events:

## Chat 'N' Chew

Every Friday at 11:30am the members of the Greenwood Amateur Radio society meet at **Ryan's**, Bypass 25 NW, Greenwood.

Everyone is welcome to have lunch or sip your favorite beverage and chat for a while.

*(Dutch treat).*

## VE Exam Session June 2nd, 2014 7:00pm

GARS ARRL Volunteer Examiners (VE) Team will have an exam session 7:00pm Tuesday, June 2nd at The American Red Cross Building 520 Epting Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646.

## Weekly Net

Each Thursday night at 9pm on the 147.165+ machine, The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society holds our weekly 2 meter net. Help spread the word for everyone to check-in to our net. If you would like to fill in or be a backup net control please let Tedd Davidson AI4WN know

# Congratulations

## Happy Birthday!

Alice Taylor	KC4JWM	May 9
Theaster Willis-Ward		May 10
Elizabeth Meadows	W2LIZ	May 26
Yvonne Simpson		May 26
Kevan Nason	N4XL	June 6
Edna Elledge		June 9
Dave Russ	K4DWR	June 9
Richard Bowie	KK4BMK	June 10
Jim Cox	W3COX	June 14
Adam Shirley	WJ4X	June 15
George Crane	W3RXF	June 20

## Happy Anniversary!

David AJ4PU and Margaret KJ4HDK Haynes	May 14
Earl KC4AXY and Betty Jean Powell	June 5
Tedd AI4WN and Gail Davison	June 15
Joe K4GBH and Jewell KI4WJO Mimms	June 16

**Are you an ARRL Member? Joining ARRL helps protect our rights as Amateur Radio Operators as well as providing education, QSL Bureau, technical advise, and the ARRL VEC. <http://www.arrl.org>**



**If you have any ideas for books you'd like to see in the GARS Library, Contact Jim AK4EK**

Phil's Corner:

Hamisms #87a

QSL QTH QRO!

## A Day in the life of the .165 by Fred K9PIN

A few nets ago, Fred, K9PIN read this aloud to everyone listening. Some folks missed out, so here is a “reprint” of sorts. –Ed.

Attention all amateur radio operators. The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society (known as GARS) owns and operates a two meter repeater in the Greenwood area. The repeater, on VHF frequency 147.165 with a PL tone of 107.2, has a wide footprint and is very active. The GARS membership believes this repeater is one of the best in the area, and invites all amateurs to listen actively throughout the day, and especially on Thursday nights at 9:00 pm for the weekly net.

If you are an early riser, you may want to catch the Arthur and Kevan show between 5:30 and 6:00 am. Conversation topics are likely to be about different types of radios, antennas, contesting, and occasionally on how to stay awake while driving that early in the morning.

If you really want to hear some enlightening and informing commentary, be sure to catch the Carlis and Mitch show between 6:45 and 7:15 am. Just before that, you can always catch Mitch and Lady Di saying goodbye as they go in opposite directions in the noble pursuit of educating our kids.

If you are technically oriented and want to hear some friendly banter about digipeaters, Arduino platforms, APRS, and whole host of other technical topics, be sure to catch the Adam and Tommy show between 8:00 and 8:30 am. You might also get an education about who lives closer to Honea Path, Tommy or Adam.

Occasionally in the mornings between 7:30 and 8:00, you can hear Adam and Chad trading funny stories about Southern verses Northern vernacular, including comments on subjects like grits, sweet tea, and mayonnaise.

And then, throughout the day you are likely to hear a spattering of the following:

Ted, Buddy, and Joe on repeater issues, repeater maintenance, and all matters pertaining to the GARS group.

George and Phil on their Chat and Chew plans, or is it Chat and Chat plans?

Carlis and his adventures chasing cars at the school crossing or chasing the cheapest gas.

Phil on his protracted pursuit of an HF antenna solution at Wesley Commons.

Dave and his quest to become Superman as a result of visiting the gym.

Jim as he crisscrosses the state delivering go juice for our automobiles.

Fred along with his dad and their escapades up and down highway 25 between Coronaca and Piedmont. You might even get an education on some Greenwood County history, and especially the Coronaca community.

And then, be sure to tune in on the afternoon drive to catch the following:

Dave and Arthur in competition to see which one can time out the repeater the most in a 24 hour period.

Arthur and Cole on solving just about any problem that comes up, Ham radio related or not.

Arthur and Tom on solving any problem that he and Cole didn't solve.

Kevan and whoever on his in depth knowledge of antennas.

Another episode of the Adam and Tommy show. This edition is likely to be everything you want to know, or perhaps don't want to know about DSTAR radio.

You might also catch Adam and Chad in a spirited conversation on most on any subject that comes up.

And then, the evening hours are wide open for just about anyone and anything on the GARS repeater. Most importantly, is the Thursday evening net at 9:00 pm. Come and join the local Ham community for one of the best nets in the area, featuring a different net controller each Thursday.

The net is fun, with a variety of net controller styles and interesting commentary from those who participate in the rag chew sessions. We hope to see you all on the GARS Repeater soon!

# HAMFESTS and EVENTS:

Mark your Calendars! Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Hamfest at Piedmont Technical College January 2016

**07/25/2015 WCARS Hamfest** Haywood County Fairgrounds 758 Crabtree Road Waynesville, NC 28785 <http://wcars.org> Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society Talk-In: 146.91- T91.5 146.775- T127.3 Contact: Jeff Weller, KJ4TEI 828-275-3297 [kj4tei@gmail.com](mailto:kj4tei@gmail.com)

**09/05-06/2015 Shelby Hamfest** Cleveland County Fairgrounds 1751 East Marion Street Shelby, NC 28150 <http://shelbyhamfest.org> Shelby Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 146.880 Contact: Ben Melvin, KM4C 980-295-5151 [km4c@me.com](mailto:km4c@me.com)

## Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Meeting Refreshments List:

### 2015

May 2015: Tedd & Gail

June 2015: Joe & Jewell

July 2015: Kevan

August 2015: Buddy

September 2015: Tyrone & Warn

October 2015: George & Betty

November 2015: Phil & Jo

January 2016: Open

February 2016: Open

March 2016: Open

Let's fill those open slots!

Send an email to [adam@wj4x.net](mailto:adam@wj4x.net) to reserve your spot!

We will ask for volunteers for the refreshments list over the next few weeks, so be thinking of what month you'd like to volunteer!

## Packet Cluster:

- ◆ The American Radio Relay League protects our rights as Amateur Radio Operators <http://www.arrl.org>
- ◆ Support for SERA supports proper coordination! <http://www.sera.org>
- ◆ Remember your local and regional interest clubs!
- ◆ Southeast DX Club <http://www.sedxc.org>
- ◆ Spread The Word! 147.165 Net Thurs. 9pm
- ◆ Callsign info <http://www.ae7q.com>
- ◆ Track us on APRS: <http://aprs.fi>



## Classifieds:

**Excellent HT package, upgrade from your Chinese radio: Yaesu FT 60R Handheld Radio – 2m/440 Speaker/ Mic, Desktop Rapid Charger, Extra NI-MH Battery Pack, RT Systems Programming Software and Cable \$200 Contact Fred K9PIN [fredepinson@gmail.com](mailto:fredepinson@gmail.com)**

**Kenwood TM-D710A Dual Band Dual Receive VHF/UHF. Built in TNC for APRS and other digital modes. \$400 Contact Joe Mimms K4GBH [k4gbhjoe8@gmail.com](mailto:k4gbhjoe8@gmail.com) 864-746-9517**

**Kenwood TS-2000 All mode, All Band, complete shack in a box. Built in TNC, sub receiver for V/UHF and packet. \$1100; Contact Adam WJ4X [adam@wj4x.net](mailto:adam@wj4x.net)**

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